Exploration of Gold Deposit Areas in Orissa

124. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have engaged one Australian company to explore the gold deposit areas in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details of the gold deposit areas in that State;

(c) the terms and conditions laid down with that company either by the Centre or the State Government for exploring gold in Orissa; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) The Government of India have not engaged by Australian company to explore gold deposit areas in Orissa. However, as per the information furnished by the Government of Orissa, M/s Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC), a public sector undertaking of the State Government, have entered into an agreement with M/s Empire Gold Mines (EGM), Australia to jointly explore 970 sq. kms. gold bearing areas located in the district of Keonjhar.

(b) The preliminary investigations by the Geological Survey of India (G.S.I.) has delineated a number of possible potential zones of gold mineralisation in Gorumahisani - Badampahar Belt, Mayurbhanj District and Bonai - Keonjhar Belt, Keonjhar District. Some of the blocks appear to be potential for hosting gold mineralisation.

(c) and (d) As per the information furnished by the Govt. of Orissa, the agreement between OMC and EGM, inter-alia, envisages the exploration to be done at the cost and risk of EGM, Australia. If the exploration leads to setting up of a joint venture company for exploitation of established economically viable deposit then the equity participation of OMC and EGM will be 50:50. This agreement is subject to the approval of Govt. of Orissa and Govt. of India.

Accommodation for Marriage Purposes

125. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the General Pool does not give accommodation for marriage purposes to the allottees of other pools of residences;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of persons of other pool of residences who have been allotted accommodation inType-I to Type-V for marriage purposes during the last three years; and

(d) the number of persons who have not been allotted accommodation for marriage purposes during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) to (d) General Pool residential accommodation is exclusively meant for allotment to officers working in offices eligible for allotment of such accommodation. However, General Pool accommodation is also allotted for marriage purposes to the allottes of other pools of residences subject to availability. During the last three years, the person of other pools were allotted General Pool residential accommodation for marriage purposes.

केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग के भ्रष्ट कर्मचारी

126. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल:** क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग के नार्थ ऐवन्यू और साउथ एवन्यू के कार्यालयों में तैनात कितने सहायकों और कनिष्ठ अभियन्ताओं को गत तीन वर्षों में प्रति वर्ष भ्रष्टाचार, गबन और वित्तीय अनियमितताओं में लिप्त पाया गया है; और

(ख) ऐसे अभियन्ताओं द्वारा इस प्रकार के भ्रष्ट कृत्यों के कारण सरकार को कुल कितने राजस्व की हानि हुई?

शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री (श्री राम जेठमलानी): (क) शून्य

(ख) उपर्युक्त "क" के उत्तर को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

आवास निर्माण हेतु रियायती ऋण

127. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: